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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Chin Kok YAP

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATING INVENTORY MANAGEMENT IN A  
SUPPLY CHAIN

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.  
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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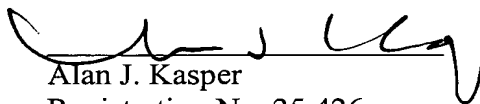
In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," mailed May 22, 2006 for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

Since the two months due date for the Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements fell on Saturday, July 22, 2006, the filing of this response and the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney on Monday, July 24, 2006 is timely.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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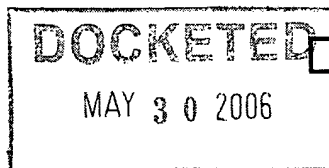


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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/03/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/03/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/03/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/03/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/03/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/03/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/03/2006
- Specification filed on 01/03/2006
- Claims filed on 01/03/2006
- Abstracts filed on 01/03/2006
- Drawings filed on 01/03/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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